

**Dear Pharmacist:**

**In reply to your request, I am enclosing a Preliminary Application for Reciprocity, as well as a list of Board requirements for such licensure in Maryland. If you feel that you can meet these requirements, please complete and forward the Preliminary Application to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) in Park Ridge, Illinois. NABP will advise you of procedures to follow thereafter.**

**Once an official application has been received and approved by the Board, you will receive a scheduled examination date along with a Maryland Law Book from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy to assist in your preparation for the examination.**

**Please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Pharmacy Licensing Unit at 410-764-4755 if you have additional questions or need assistance.**

**Sincerely,**

**Doris James**

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**Licensing Supervisor**

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy**

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### **ELIGIBILITY:**

**To qualify for licensure by reciprocity, an applicant must:**

- ⇒ **be at least 18 years old, and of good moral character**
- ⇒ **be a graduate of a school or college of pharmacy that is either approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education,**
- ⇒ **have completed the Maryland required 520 pharmacy experience hours**
- ⇒ **pass a written reciprocity exam administered by the Board**
- ⇒ **pass the required oral English competency exam, and**
- ⇒ **have a valid pharmacist's license from another state that was obtained after passing an exam approved by the Board.**

**Please note that the Maryland Board of Pharmacy does not offer licensure by reciprocity to pharmacists who were only licensed by examination in California.**

### **EDUCATION AND PHARMACY EXPERIENCE HOURS:**

**Applicants must have graduated from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education. All foreign graduates must provide the original certificate indicating that they passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalence Examination (FPGEE). This exam is administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy.**

**Applicants shall submit to the Board, by affidavit, evidence of completion of at least 520 hours of pharmacy experience after graduation from a school or college of pharmacy approved by the Board or accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.**

### **RECIPROCITY EXAM - [FEE \$250.00]**

**The reciprocity exam consist mainly of questions relating to pharmacy law. Therefore, applicants must have knowledge of the laws and regulations pertaining to the practice of pharmacy in Maryland. To assist in your preparation for examination, Maryland Board of Pharmacy will provide a copy of "MARYLAND PHARMACY LAWS AND REGULATIONS ". To qualify for licensure by reciprocity, you must obtain a score of 75% on the reciprocity exam.**

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### **ORAL ENGLISH COMPETENCY EXAM**

**The exam of Oral English Competency is designed to ensure that an applicant speaks English as proficiently as a typical U.S. native speaker and that the applicant can be easily understood by the average pharmacy customer.**

**In order to meet the English competency requirement, an applicant may first take a pre-screening test of Oral English Competency. If the applicant passes the pre-screening test the applicant meets the Oral English Competency requirement for licensure by reciprocity. If the applicant is unsuccessful on the pre-screening test, the applicant must take and pass a more comprehensive exam of Oral English Competency. Both the pre-screening test and the more comprehensive exam are given by Board-approved vendors. Please find a list of the approved vendors below.**

**If an applicant feels that he or she will be unable to pass either the pre-screening test or the more comprehensive test of Oral English Competency because of a speech impediment, the applicant should contact the Board for further information.**

### **VENDORS**

**The Oral English Competency Exam may be taken at one of the vendors locations below in Maryland.**

**The Berlitz Language Center  
1413 Annapolis Road  
Odenton, MD 21113  
Phone: 410-672-3410  
(Other sites available Nationwide)**

**Hillary Wohl, PhD  
34 Raisin Tree Circle  
Pikesville, MD 21208  
Phone: 410-602-0730**

**It is the applicants responsibility to contact the vendor for testing.**

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Applicants must file a recent unmounted photograph, approximately 3"x 3" with a statement signed by the applicant affirming that it is a photograph of the applicant. Preliminary applications must be submitted to the:**

**Your Social Security number is required for identification purposes and may be released to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to check for criminal convictions.**

**National Association of Boards of Pharmacy  
700 Busse Highway  
Park Ridge, Illinois 60068.**

**Applicants for licensure by reciprocity are required to appear before the Board for a personal interview and a review of credentials. The reciprocity exam will also be given during the time scheduled for the personal interview.**

**Your results will be sent to you by mail and newly license candidates are also posted on the Maryland Board of Pharmacy Internet site. Please do not call the Office for your results.**

**Applicants for licensure by reciprocity are warned not to accept a position as a pharmacist or work as a pharmacist until such time as they receive a certificate of licensure from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy. Persons who purchase a pharmacy or an interest in a pharmacy prior becoming a Maryland licensed pharmacist, do so entirely at their own risk. The Board will not consider business interests when evaluating eligibility to be licensed as a pharmacist in Maryland.**

**The Maryland Board of Pharmacy, in accordance with Health Occupations Article, Title 12, Section 305, Annotated Code of Maryland, reserves the right to waive requirements and accept or reject any application.**